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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2002. A petition for a one month extension of time is enclosed.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend specification pages 2, 4-6 and 8 as shown herein. A copy of all the amended paragraphs of the specification with the current amendments shown in marked-up form is attached as Exhibit A to this Reply. A copy of all of the amended paragraphs, in "clean" form with the present amendments incorporated, is attached as Exhibit B to this Reply.